

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system on a programmable chip, the system comprising:  
memory;  
5 a processor coupled to memory on the programmable chip, the processor operable to write streaming output information to memory;  
a streaming output peripheral configured to generate clock cycle accurate output signals, wherein the clock cycle accurate output signals are generated by reading streaming output information from memory and outputting signals based on  
10 the streaming output information.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the memory, processor, and streaming output peripheral are connected to a simultaneous multiple primary component fabric.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the streaming output information includes amplitude and timing information.
- 15 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the streaming output information comprises a sequence of values written to memory.
5. The system of claim 4, wherein the sequence of values is associated with a periodic waveform.
6. The system of claim 4, wherein the sequence of values is associated with  
20 an event driven waveform.
7. The system of claim 4, wherein the sequence of values is associated with a scripted waveform.
8. The system of claim 1, wherein the streaming output peripheral operates as a streaming parallel output.
- 25 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the streaming output peripheral operates as a digital to analog converter (DAC).
10. The system of claim 1, wherein the streaming output peripheral operates as a pulse width modulator (PWM).
11. The system of claim 1, wherein clock cycle accurate output values are  
30 generated during expected clock cycles.
12. The system of claim 11, wherein clock cycle accurate output values form clock cycle accurate waveforms.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein the clock cycle accurate waveform is generated without intervention from the processor.

14. The system of claim 1, wherein the streaming output peripheral receives address information from the processor indicating where to read streaming output  
5 information.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein address information comprises one or more memory addresses.

16. The system of claim 1, wherein the memory, processor, and streaming output peripheral are connected using a simultaneous multiple primary component  
10 fabric.

17. A method for generating a waveform, the method comprising:  
reading streaming output information from memory, the streaming output  
information written to memory by a processor core on a programmable chip;  
generating clock cycle accurate output signals at a streaming output  
15 peripheral, wherein the clock cycle accurate output signals are generated at the  
streaming output peripheral by reading streaming output information from memory  
and outputting signals based on the streaming output information.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the memory, processor, and streaming output peripheral are connected to a simultaneous multiple primary component fabric.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the streaming output information  
20 includes amplitude and timing information.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein the streaming output information comprises a sequence of values written to memory.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the sequence of values is associated  
25 with a periodic waveform.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein the sequence of values is associated with an event driven waveform.

23. The method of claim 20, wherein the sequence of values is associated with a scripted waveform.

24. An apparatus for generating a waveform, the apparatus comprising:  
30 means for reading streaming output information from memory, the streaming output information written to memory by a processor core on a programmable chip;

means for generating clock cycle accurate output signals, wherein the clock cycle accurate output signals are generated by reading streaming output information from memory and outputting signals based on the streaming output information.

25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the memory, processor, and streaming  
5 output peripheral are connected to a simultaneous multiple primary component fabric.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein the streaming output information includes amplitude and timing information.

27. The method of claim 24, wherein the streaming output information comprises a sequence of values written to memory.

10 28. The method of claim 27, wherein the sequence of values is associated with a periodic waveform.